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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to let you know how important it is for me as a consumer to be able to have a local internet and phone carrier that can use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements. It is a core part of our economy to allow carriers to compete in the residential marketplace.

Broadband access is critical to my home business, and if I were not able choose my local carrier (Sonic) it would be very detrimental to my work, both in terms of the services and price points they provide. They are currently running affordable fiber connections in my neighborhood, and I am counting on access to those connections for the growth of my business.

I understand that USTelecom has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, stating that "competition will not be materially affected by forbearance from Sction (c) (3)251 because there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in that marketplace".

That is completely untrue, and I would be very negatively affected if my carrier were not able to access unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs).

Thank you for your time.

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